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USDEL SECRETARY FOR ATHERTON ONLY

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1. WHILE I WAS IN NEW YORK I PASSED ON TO BILL MAYNES
SUBSTANCE OF A CONVERSATION I HAD WITH ISRAELI UN REP
HERZOG CONCERNING THE PROBLEM OF THE TORTURE ALLEGATIONS
(PLEASE PROTECT CAREFULLY HERZOG AS SOURCE).

2. HERZOG TOLD ME THAT HE HAD BEEN PRESSING THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY TO INVITE A RESPECTED, INDEPENDENT INTERNATIONAL
GROUP FOR INVESTIGATION OF TORTURE CHARGES. AS YOU KNOW,
DAYAN WAS ORIGINALLY MODERATELY FAVORABLE WHEN MAYNES
AND I TALKED TO HIM, BUT WE SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED A
NEGATIVE REPLY. HERZOG TALKED FURTHER WITH DAYAN AFTER
DAYAN REACHED NEW YORK AND SAYS THAT HE "TURNED HIM
AROUND." HERZOG SAID DAYAN HAD PROMISED TO RECOMMEND
APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL TO THE CABINET, AND MAY
HAVE EVEN SENT BACK SUCH A RECOMMENDATION ALREADY.
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EM UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CANNOT REVEAL TO
DAYAN ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MY CONVERSATION WITH HERZOG.
BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND HIGHLY DE-
SIRABLE TO RAISE QUESTION AGAIN WITH DAYAN WHILE HE
IS STILL IN NEW YORK. IDEALLY, THIS IS SOMETHING
THE SECRETARY WOULD DO IN COURSE OF ONE OF THEIR

OTHER DISCUSSIONS. IF THAT NOT FEASIBLE, THEN I
WOULD URGE THAT HABIB OR ATHERTON TAKE IT UP.
(ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO HAVE ANDY YOUNG
RAISE ISSUE WITH DAYAN; HERZOG TOLD ME THAT YOUNG
AND DAYAN WOULD BE MEETING.)

4. IF NONE OF THESE THINGS HAPPEN, I WILL REINTRO-
DUCE SUBJECT NEXT WEEK AFTER DAYAN'S RETURN. BUT
AS YOU SAY, THD CLOCK IS TICKING. AND I THINK
FOLLOW UP IN NEW YORK NOW WOULD BE ADVISABLE.

5. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT WHOEVER RAISES SUBJECT
DOES SO AS FOLLOW-ON TO PREVIOUS MAYNES-DAYAN CON-
VERSATION, WITH NO REFERENCE TO INTERNAL ISRAELI
CONSIDERATION OR HERZOG'S ROLE.

6. WITH REGARD TO YOUR HANDLING OF THE BAR-ON
LETTER, MY FERTILE BRAIN IS NO MORE FERTILE THAN YOURS.
OBVIOUSLY, FROM POINT OF VIEW OF US-ISRAELI RELATIONS
WE SHOULD SUPPORT THE ISRAELI PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, I
DOUBT THAT YOU CAN LOOK AT PROBLEM SOLELY FROM MY
VANTAGE POINT* LEWIS

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